Local duo to perform at Glen Williams Town Hall

By Laura Erne Special to The IFP

Local roots-rock duo Bare Sierra will be opening for The Lifers and Annie Sumi when the Wildflower tour hits Glen Williams on May 19.

This will be the second-last performance of the tour for the Lifers: a sister-fronted, six-person band based out of Guelph, and for Annie Sumi, the southern Ontario-based singer and songwriter.

The Bare Sierra duo consists of close friends John Muirhead and Jesse Bydevaate, who met at the age of 14 at an after-school jam club called Underground Garage, where budding musicians would come out and play rock songs in the auto shop.

Although the two met at 14, this duo is new. Muirhead and Bydevaate were both pursuing solo music careers up until February of this year after they realized they sounded better together than apart.

This opportunity came along for Bare Sierra when Muirhead reached out to his close friends, The Lifers, to offer his help for their upcoming Glen Williams show.

I met Liv Cazzola, one of the sisters from the

Lifers and their drummer, Sam Boer, through Western University's Faculty of Music while pursuing my dual major in Consumer Behaviour and Popular Music, said Muirhead. I met the rest of the band later through different performance opportunities and they re really amazing people to be around.

Bare Sierra is not a stranger to the stage. They have already performed around 30 times at various events and festivals with their band, Casual Disaster.

Bare Sierra will be kicking off the night with a Springsteen- and Neil Young-inspired set.

We grew up listening to rock but soon fell in love with folk sability to storytell, said Muirhead. I like to think of our music as a hybrid between the two because we take the focus of telling a story from folk and combine it with the energy of rock.

Muirhead went on to explain Bare Sierras sound is a mix between Kings of Leon and City and Colour.

Bare Sierra, The Lifers and Annie Sumi will be at the Glen Williams Town Hall on Prince St. May 19. The doors open at 7 p.m. and music starts at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$15 each and available online at Eventbrite, in town at Reeve and Clarke Books and at the door.

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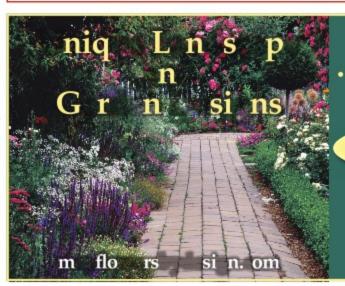
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